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STORYCORPS TO STOP IN BUTTE THIS SUMMER

MISSOULA –

National Public Radio's StoryCorps will return to Montana this summer with a mobile booth tour stop in **Butte** July 5-28. The visit is sponsored by Montana Public Radio, which is housed at The University of Montana's Broadcast Media Center.

StoryCorps is a national oral history project aimed at instructing and inspiring people to record one another's stories in sound. Participants interview grandparents, relatives and others whose story they want to hear and preserve. StoryCorps won a Peabody Award in 2006.

People interested in the project from **Bozeman, Helena, Dillon** and all points in between are encouraged to travel to Butte for an informational meeting at 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, at the theater in the Museum of Fine Arts, 405 W. Park. Staff from StoryCorps and MTPR will be in attendance.

StoryCorps' first trip to the West in 2005 included a three-week stop in Missoula. Michael Marsolek, program director for MTPR, said the 100 slots available in Missoula were filled quickly. Slots for the StoryCorps booth this year will be available about two weeks

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before the mobile booth arrives in Butte, he said.

“StoryCorps is one of the most exciting oral history projects the nation has ever undertaken,” Marsolek said. “We are thrilled to be partners with this organization for a second time. The mobile booth visit presents a unique opportunity for Montanans to capture their loved ones in sound and share a bit of the unique nature of Montana life with the world.”

Excerpts of StoryCorps recordings air on public radio nationwide on Morning Edition each Friday and can be heard on MTPR Fridays at 6:25 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. All recordings eventually will be archived at the U.S. Library of Congress.

For more information, call 800-325-1565 or log onto <http://www.storycorps.net> or <http://www.mtpr.org>.

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